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MEMORANDUM FOR NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEACH SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS COMMAND

SUBJECT: Approved Initiatives Under FY2017 NDAA Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Centers, Phase II, Sprint II

- References: (a) Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) and Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) Proposals for the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Action Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Centers dated 1 November 2018
 - (b) Space and Naval Warfare Center Systems Command (SPAWARSYSCOM) Endorsed Section 233 Initiative Submission, dated 24 August 2018
 - (c) Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers (NSWC) Proposal for Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of Research, Development, Test Evaluation Centers dated 20 September 2018
 - (d) Office of Naval Research Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of the Research Development, Test and Evaluation Centers 2018 Proposed Waivers dated 07 March 2019
 - (e) Approval of Initiatives Under 2017 NDAA Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Centers dated 16 November 2017
 - (f) National Defense Authorization Action for Fiscal Year 2017, Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of the Research and Development, Test and Evaluation Center

After review and consideration of your response (reference (a) through (d)), the attached initiatives are authorized as demonstration methods for more effective development of technology and management functions per the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 Section 233 Pilot Program for the Enhancement of the Research and Development, Test and Evaluation Centers.

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Initiatives identified for fiscal year 2019, but not approved by this memo, will be reconsidered in a subsequent release of this document. All Naval Warfare Centers are encouraged to consider delegating and/or waiving policies and procedures where they already have the authority to do so. These delegations and/or waivers may be granted at any time during the year. All Department of the Navy (DON) Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories (STRLs) are authorized to pilot initiatives in attachment.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, Test and Evaluation) (DASN(RDT&E)) will oversee the implementation, management and reporting of this pilot. STRLs should provide a bi-annual report to include at a minimum the following information: authority enacted, brief description of how it was implemented, number of times authority was enacted, benefit realized, and lessons learned through use of this authority.

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PCD, PMD ASN(RDA)
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NSWC (HQ, CD, CO, CR, DD, IH, PC, PD, PH)
NUWC (HQ, NPT, KPT)
NAWC (AD, WD)
NIWC (LANT, PAC)
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ASD (R&E), Laboratories Office

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- Approval granted to increase Trusted Agent local approval authority to \$1M vice the \$500K for all ITPRs not considered "special".
- All "Exempt" Information Technology Procurement Requests (ITPR) approved at organizational level.
- Delegation of authority granted to receive and process royalty payments directly.
- Approval granted to waive DoD 7000.14 FMR requirement to conduct preinvestment Economic Analysis for Research and Development assets which are procured for technological advancement and not for pure economic efficiency.
- Approval granted to allow STRL to define calibration requirements of Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) and the ability to utilize Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) calibration standards as the responsible calibration authority until NAVSEAINST 4734.1B is promulgated.
- Relief is granted from the requirement to provide supporting documentation when utilizing external vendors as referenced in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD) policy letter dated 11 October 2007.
- Delegation of authority granted to authorize Functional Authorizing Official
 (FAO) authority to the STRL Executive Directors or field activity Commanding
 Officers (CO) (06 level) and Functional Security Control Assessor (FSCA)
 authority to the field activity Information System Security Managers (ISSMs) in
 the interest of accelerating delivery of RDT&E capability to the Fleet. This is
 initiative is specific to Zones C&D RDT&E networks.
- Approval granted to authorize STRL Executive Directors or CO to establish an IT network dedicated to RDT&E that simultaneously operates in a secure environment but establishes the necessary flexibility to respond to emergent technological requirements.
- Approval granted to provide for two-year obligation authority for Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects per FMR Vol 11b.
- Approval granted to use Naval Innovative Science and Engineering (NISE) funding for unspecified minor military construction as authorized without adjustment to CIP authority and funding.